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To designate a site for the relocation of the public facility of the National Museum of Health and Medicine, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mr. DELLUMS, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MINETA, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. PORTER, Mr. TRAFICANT, and Mr. WAXMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

5 (1) the United States faces critical health care
6 problems, solutions for which will arise from an at-
7 tentive and educated citizenry;

1 (2) there is a great need for an increased em-
2 phasis to be placed on public health education and
3 the development of scientific literacy concerning
4 health care issues;

5 (3) when the National Museum of Health and
6 Medicine, formerly the Army Medical Museum, was
7 located on the Mall in Washington, District of Co-
8 lumbia, from 1888 to 1968, it was one of the most
9 popular and well-visited museums in the Nation's
10 capital;

11 (4) with the removal of the Museum from the
12 Mall to the grounds of the Walter Reed Army Medi-
13 cal Center in 1968, there was no longer a national
14 education facility devoted to this purpose located
15 within the District of Columbia within easy access to
16 the up to 25,000,000 individuals who visit the Mall
17 each year; and

18 (5) the American taxpayer, through the United
19 States Government, pays approximately 30 percent
20 of the costs of all health care services, costs which
21 could be dramatically reduced with the advent of
22 better educated, informed Americans.

23 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to des-
24 ignate a site for the relocation of the public facility of the
25 National Museum of Health and Medicine so that it may

1 serve as a central resource of instruction about, and be
2 involved in, the critical health issues which confront all
3 American citizens.

4 **SEC. 2. SITE OF FACILITY.**

5 The public facility of the National Museum of Health
6 and Medicine shall be located on the following adjacent
7 areas of land owned by the Federal Government in the
8 District of Columbia:

9 (1) The east plaza of the Hubert Humphrey
10 Building, presently occupied by the Department of
11 Health and Human Services.

12 (2) The entire portion of 2nd Street, South-
13 west, that is located between C Street and Washing-
14 ton Avenue, Southwest.

15 (3) A triangular park, known as "Square N-
16 580", which lies immediately to the east of 2nd
17 Street, Southwest.

18 **SEC. 3. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZA-**
19 **TION.**

20 In accordance with procedures of the District of Co-
21 lumbia, the Administrator of General Services is author-
22 ized to apply for the closing and transfer of jurisdiction
23 over the entire portion of 2nd Street, Southwest, located
24 between C Street and Washington Avenue, Southwest, and
25 the transfer of jurisdiction over Square N-580, from the

1 District of Columbia to the General Services Administra-
2 tion for the purpose of locating the National Museum of
3 Health and Medicine.

4 **SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

5 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as limiting the
6 authority or responsibilities of the National Capital Plan-
7 ning Commission or the Commission of Fine Arts.

8 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION.**

9 As used in this Act, the term “Mall” means—

10 (1) the land designated as “Union Square”,
11 District of Columbia Reservation 6A;

12 (2) the land designated as the “Mall”, District
13 of Columbia Reservations 3, 4, 5, and 6;

14 (3) the land designated as the “Monument
15 Grounds”, District of Columbia Reservation 2; and

16 (4) the land designated as “West Potomac
17 Park”, District of Columbia Reservations 3, 3, and
18 2.

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